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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) - Blue Line Irving Park Station in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and the project is located at the Irving Park CTA Station on 4131 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60613.

The funding for CTA's ASAP Strategic Plan is designated to make all of CTA's rail stations fully accessible to all customers. The ASAP plan includes the rehabilitation and/or replacement of all 160+ existing station elevators, as well as enhancements to rail system signage and wayfinding to make it easier and more intuitive for people who are DeafBlind, blind, and visually impaired.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to help facilitate badly needed improvements at the Irving Park stop on the Blue Line, including the addition of two new station houses equipped with customer assistance kiosks. The Irving Park Station project enjoys wide support from the disability community, including Access Living, in addition to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the Chicago Transit Authority President and Board.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Sincerely,

Mike Quigley April 20, 2021